The Honorable John T. Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, NW  
Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20004  

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is a document entitled *Technical Handbook of $^{233}U$ Material Properties, Processing, and Handling Guidelines* (ORNL/TM-13600). It represents the deliverable for Commitment 13 of the Department’s Implementation Plan for addressing the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board’s (DNFSB) Recommendation 97-1 concerning the safe storage of $^{233}U$ material.

The handbook is designed to serve as a single comprehensive information resource for use by the Department’s federal and contractor technical workforce involved with the processing, handling, and storage of $^{233}U$ and $^{233}U$ bearing materials. It is intended to be an integral part of the Department’s training efforts to meet the objective of retaining long-term expertise necessary to assure safe handling and storage of $^{233}U$.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or have your staff contact Hoyt Johnson of my staff at (202) 586-0191.

Sincerely,

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Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
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Enclosure

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